

HF Happenings 763

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The SARL Premier HF Contest in August

The second of the three SARL HF Contests, the HF Digital Contest, is on the air on Sunday 20 August from 13:00 to 16:30 UTC with RTTY and PSK31 activity on 20, 40 and 80 metres. See how many zones you can work per band and how many stations on all three bands. You can participate as a single operator single band station, a single operator all band station, a multi operator single band station or a multi operator all band station. Individual competitors and club stations are encouraged to compete. The exchange is a RSQ report and a consecutive serial number starting at 001.

There are two SARL trophies up for grabs in the Digital contest, but you stand a chance to win more trophies if you participate in all three contests. The rules are on page 34 of the 2017 SARL Blue Book, read the rules before the contest starts.

Logsheets must only be sent to zs4bfm@mweb.co.za

Results of the ZS2 Sprint

The Contest Committee received 13 logs for the ZS2 Sprint held on Sunday 23 July 2017. Unfortunately, after trying all week, I cannot get the points for the 5th to 13th places – no answer to my requests.

1st Mitch Rundle, ZS2DK - 109 points

2nd Hugo Ras, ZS2HR, 101 points

3rd Port Elizabeth ARS, ZS2PE - and Barry Nugent, ZS2NF - 74 points

5th Woody Collet, ZS3WL

6th Deon Fraser, ZS5DCF

7th Justin Furner, ZS5KT

8th Dylan MacDonald, ZS2MAC

9th Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT

10th Heather Holland, ZS5YH

11th Jo Snyders, ZS5PO

You can now download your copy of HF Happenings from www.sarl.org.za/hf_happenings.asp

August

1 - Tish'a B'Av

5 to 12 – IARU Region 1 YOTA Summer Camp, Gilwell Park, UK

6 – [SARL HF Phone Contest](#)

9 – National Women's Day; [SARL YL Sprint](#)

9 to 13 – [ZS9V from Robben Island \(AF-064\)](#)

11 to 13 - Klein Karoo Klassique, Oudsthoorn

19 and 20 - [International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend](#)

20 – [SARL HF Digital Contest](#)

24 - Closing date for September Radio ZS articles

25 and 26 - Hantam Vleisfees, Calvinia

27 - [SARL HF CW Contest](#)

31 Aug to 3 Sept - Gariep Kunstfees, Kimberley

September

2 - Eid al Adha; West Rand Flea Market

3 - National Day of Prayer for the Deaf

2 and 3 - IARU Region 1 and RSGB SSB Field Day

4 - Settlers Day

6 - National Secretary's Day

9 and 10 – SARL National Field Day

16 – October RAE Registration closes

16 and 17 - All Africa All Mode Contest; SARL VHF/UHF Contest

16 to 23 IARU Region 1 General Conference, Germany

21/21 Rosh Hashana

22 – Spring Equinox; Islamic New Year

22 to 24 – 4 Peaks Challenge

23 and 24 – CQ RTTY Contest

23 Sept to 1 Oct Magoebaskloof and Hennertsburg Spring festival

24 – Heritage Day

25 – Public Holiday; closing date for October Radio ZS articles

29 – All schools close

30 - Yom Kippur

30 Sept to 2 Oct Hermanus Whale Festival

12th Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ
13th Jan Botha, ZS4JAN

Thank you to all who submitted logs and congratulations to Mitch!

Results of the SARL HF Phone Contest and the SARL YL Sprint

The closing date for logs for both contest has come and gone. The committee is busy working through the received logs (the MS Excel logs just check easier than ADIF and Cabrillo logs). The results will be published in HF Happenings 764.

3Y0Z Bouvet Press Release

(dated 6 August, by Ralph, KOIR, Bouvet Island DXpedition Co-leader)

The 3Y0Z team is extremely grateful to the Northern California DX Foundation for their \$100 000 contribution to our Bouvet Island DXpedition. We are honoured and privileged to receive the largest grant even given by NCDXF.

This contribution by the NCDXF mandates that we as a team and each of us as an individual, recognize the responsibility that accompanies the level of trust placed in us. It demands the best of us, being on Bouvet singly focused on the DX and amateur community worldwide - nothing else.

We as a team accept that responsibility. We pledge to do our best – nothing less. Our goal is to have your call in our log and get home safely – nothing more.

While we are light years from where we started this project, we still have work to do and financial challenges to meet to get us to Bouvet, give you those QSOs and get home again. We thank the NCDXF and all of you who have helped us financially and with your good wishes. You have moved us well down the path to Bouvet and we would be honoured by your continued support. Together we will make this happen.

Thank you.... The Bouvet Island DXpedition Team

Pirate Alert

Ernie, ZB2FK, reports that someone has been pirating ZB2A call sign which has been defunct for at least 40 years and is therefore not a valid Gibraltar call sign.

"DXNews.com" reports that JX2017A is a pirate station. Probably the same guy that operated with the JX2016A call sign before.



Parachute Mobile - Mission 28

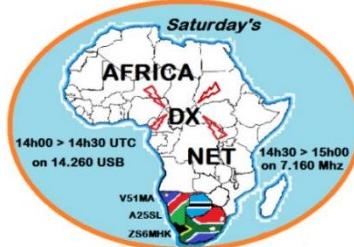
Parachute Mobile is a unique combination of skydiving and ham radio. We conduct about 4 missions a year where skydivers make as many contacts as they can throughout Central California. Our next mission is 26 August 2017.

For this mission, we have added an HF 20 metre jump and are curious to see how well we do starting from 12 000 feet (3 657 metres) above Tracy, California. You can watch us live as we will stream all the action from the ground and from the air. APRS tracking as well. Get the details at parachutemobile.org. Mark, AF6IM making QSOs



African DX

Lesotho, 7P. Look for Vaughan, 7P8VRR (QLS via ZS2VR and LoTW) and Quintus, 7P8QM (QLS via ZS2KU and LoTW) to be active from Lesotho between 18 and 21 August. They will be active on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB.



Botswana, A2. Alex, IW5ELA will be active holiday style as A25AL from different locations while visiting Botswana between 7 and 15 September. He will operate mainly CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; send an e-mail to iw5ela@gmail.com if you need a direct card. Log search on Club Log.

Ghana, 9G. A group of Slovenian operators will be active as 9G5W from Kokrobite between 20 and 29 November.



Operators mentioned are Peter, S54W, Drago, S59A, Renato, S57UN, Borut, S57GM, Uros, S57SU, Rado, S59ZZ and Alex, OZ7AM. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (25 and 26 November). Their equipment contains 2 x TS-480SAT and 2 x TS480-HX with various verticals for 160, 80, 40 and 30 m, Delta-Loops for 17 and 12 m and SpiderBeams for 20 to 10 m. QSL via S59ZZ or ClubLog's OQRS. Log will be uploaded to LoTW 6 months later. For more

details and updates, see www.ghana.si

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

South Africa, ZS. "Due to a series of unexpected complications", the ZS9V DXpedition to Robben Island (AF-064, <http://zs9v.org.za/>) has been moved to 18 to 20 August. Also, the team now includes four operators only (Paul, ZS1V, Jan, ZS1VDV, Andre, ZS1AN, and Grant, ZS1REX), with expected activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB only. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.



Seychelles, S7. Martin, G4XUM, will once again be active as S79K from Mahe Island (AF-024) between 22 and 29 November. Activity will be main during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (25 and 26 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Operation prior to the contest is possible but not guaranteed. QSL via G3NKC.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 14 to 21 August 2017

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 14 August

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 31 August 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://qrpcontest.com/4sqrp>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/ssss_rules.pdf

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 August

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 18 August 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 16 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 August

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 19 August 2017
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
01:00 - 02:30 UTC 18 August
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 20 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 19 August 2017
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.qrpfoxyhunt.org/sum-mer_rules.htm

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 18 August
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 20 August 2017
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 August
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 20 August 2017
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

SARTG WW RTTY Contest
00:00 - 08:00 UTC and 16:00 - 24:00 UTC 19 August and 08:00 - 16:00 UTC 20 August
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op All Band Low Power; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; SWL
Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with same country; 10 points per QSO with same continent; 15 points per QSO with different continent
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each VK, VE, JA, W call area once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 12 September 2017
E-mail logs to: contest@sartg.com
Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php
Mail logs to: SARTG Contest Manager, Ewe Hakansson, SM7BHM, Pilspetsvagen 4, SE-29166 Kristianstad, Sweden
Find rules at: <http://www.sartg.com/contest/wwrules.htm>

Russian District Award Contest
08:00 UTC 19 August to 08:00 UTC 20 August
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: SOAB Mixed Mode - high or low; SOAB Mixed Mode Field; SOAB CW - high or low; SOAB CW Field; SOAB SSB - high or low; SOAB SSB Field; Multi-Single Mixed Mode; Multi-Single Mixed Mode Field; SWL

Exchange: RU: RS(T) and District code; non-RU: RS(T) and QSO no
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: RU: 1 point per QSO with same country; RU: 2 points per QSO with same country, different continent; RU: 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; RU: 5 points per QSO with different country, different continent; RU: 10 points per QSO between Field entrants; non-RU: 10 points per QSO with RU station
Multipliers: RU Stations: Each DXCC country once per band and each RDA district once only; non-RU Stations: Each RDA district once only
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 31 August 2017
E-mail logs to: rx3rc@rdaward.org
Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://rdaward.org/rdac1.htm>

Keyman's Club of Japan Contest
12:00 UTC 19 August to 12:00 UTC 20 August
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op Multiband
Single Op Single Band (JA Only); SWL
Exchange: JA: RST and prefecture/district code; non-JA: RST and continent code
QSO Points: JA Station: 1 point per QSO with JA station; JA Station: 5 points per QSO with DX station; DX Station: 1 point per QSO with JA station
Multipliers: Each JA prefecture once per band; JA Station: Each continent once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 20 September 2017
E-mail logs to: 2017kcjtest@kcj-cw.com
Mail logs to: Takayuki Mori JI1XSE, Saida 556-36, Tamamura machi, Sawa gun, Gunma 370-1131, Japan
Find rules at: http://www.kcj-cw.com/test/17_kcj_contest_rule_e.pdf

Feld Hell Sprint
16:00 – 17:59 UTC 19 August
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: Feld Hell
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 23 August 2017
Upload log at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/gridlocsprint>

North American SSB QSO Party
18:00 UTC 19 August to 05:59 UTC 20 August
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP or low
Multi-Two - low
Max operating hours: Single Op: 10 hours; Multi-Two: 12 hours
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, DC, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state/DC (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 05:59 UTC 25 August 2017
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqplong-submit/>
Mail logs to: Bill Lippert, AC0W, 2013 6th Avenue SE, Austin, MN 55912-4321, USA
Find rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

CVA DX CW Contest
21:00 UTC 19 August to 21:00 UTC 20 August
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two; Headquarters; Teen Single Op; YL Single Op
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and type/UF (see rules);
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each UF once per band
Each country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 15 September 2017
E-mail logs to: cw@craec.org
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://glaubervi-ana2009.wixsite.com/cva3-dx-html/regulamento>

SARL HF Digital Contest
13:00 - 16:30 UTC 20 August
Geographic Focus: Southern Africa
Participation: Southern Africa
Mode: RTTY, PSK31
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band;
Multi-Op All Band; Multi-Op Single Band
Exchange: RST and serial no
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 27 August 2017
E-mail logs to: zs4bfm@mweb.co.za
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.sarl.org.za/Web3/Members/DoDocDown-load.aspx?X=20161222085537waqSliCvbT.PDF>

ARRL RTTY Rookie Roundup
18:00 - 23:59 UTC 20 August
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op Rookie; Multi-Op Rookie; Non-Rookies
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name, 2-digit year first licensed and state, province, XE area or DX
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-rookie; 2 points per QSO with rookie
Multipliers: Each US state and DC once; Each VE province once; Each XE call area once; One DX once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 23 August 2017
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.b4h.net/arrlrr/rr_scoresubmission.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 21 August
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Band: All Band
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 27 August 2017
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/>

Solar Eclipse QSO Party
14:00 - 22:00 UTC 21 August
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Multi
Exchange: other station's call, RS(T), 6-character grid square and your call
Work stations: (see rules)
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO
Bonus: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each 4-character grid square once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults and bonus points
Submit logs by: 30 September 2017
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://hamsci.org/seqp>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://hamsci.org/seqp>

New owner for Practical Wireless and RadioUser magazines

Roger Hall and Steve Hunt have made the following announcement on the PW Publishing website, "We are very pleased to announce that Practical Wireless and RadioUse magazines have been bought by Warners Group Publications, a Lincolnshire-based multi-million-pound turnover publishing company that specialises in producing magazines, websites and events for niche hobbies. They believe that both Practical Wireless and RadioUser are an ideal fit with their business and have assured us they plan to use their publishing expertise and size to help develop both titles, giving them an assured long-term future.

Both Steve and I are aware that we were only the most recent custodians of two historic titles, Practical Wireless dating from 1932 and the RadioUser with its roots in Short Wave Magazine from 1937. That is why, when we decided to retire after being in publishing for almost 40 years, first with IPC and then with PW Publishing, we felt it was important to find a reputable company with the expertise and resources to make sure they will continue to be published for many years to come. In Warners, we believe we have found just such a company and both PW and RU will continue to be the country's best-selling radio magazines.

Over the next few weeks we will be handing over all aspect of our business to Warners and they will be publishing both titles from the October issues onwards. The new Publisher will be Rob McDonnell (robm@warnersgroup.co.uk) and the new Group Advertising Manager will be Claire Ingram (clairem@warnersgroup.co.uk). Our existing Editors, Don Field and Georg Wiessala, will remain with their respective magazines. In addition, I will be staying on in a consultancy role to help with the transition and to assist Warners going forwards.

We'd both like to thank all of you for the support you've given us and the magazines in the past; it's been an interesting few decades. For the next three months, Webscribe will continue to administer subscriptions, to assure a seamless handover, and new contact details will be forthcoming in due course."

Roger Hall and Steve Hunt, PW Publishing Limited, <http://www.pwpublishing.ltd.uk>

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 23 August
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 August
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 23 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 24 August
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 25 August
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 25 August
NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 August
Hawaii QSO Party, 04:00 UTC 26 August to 04:00 UTC 28 August
ALARA Contest, 06:00 UTC 26 August to 05:59 UTC 27 August
YO DX HF Contest, 12:00 UTC 26 August to 12:00 UTC 27 August
SCC RTTY Championship, 12:00 UTC 26 August to 11:59 UTC 27 August
W/VE Islands QSO Party, 12:00 UTC 26 August to 03:00 UTC 27 August
Kansas QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 26 August to 02:00 UTC 27 August and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 27 August
Ohio QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 26 August to 04:00 UTC 27 August
CVA DX SSB Contest, 21:00 UTC 26 August to 21:00 UTC 27 August
SARL HF CW Contest, 13:00 - 16:30 UTC 27 August

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